

New Zealand Reining Inter-Island Challenge

The NZRHA Inter-Island challenge is to be an annual event (subject to competition rules) conducted between North Island and South Island, to encourage members the opportunity to compete in a supportive friendly team environment

This is a great opportunity to highlight Reining to our valuable sponsors and encourage others to the sport of Reining. This will also bring both Islands to come together and support one another in Reining. The Interisland challenge will also encourage riders to try this next level of competition

The ideal of good competition, supportive team spirit and adherence to the welfare of the horse are priorities in this competition

- **Scope of Competition**

- a) Competition is to be conducted between North & South Island NZRHA members
- b) Providing there is interested and members are prepared to travel interisland to compete, we will offer this challenge annually
- c) The first event to be held at NZRHA Nationals 2021
- d) Each Team Consists of a maximum of 3 - 4 Riders & Team Manager (Depending on applications)
- e) The Team Manager will be the point of contact for each team
- f) Event is to be conducted under NZRHA Rules
- g) Costs of each competition are to be borne by team members
- h) Organisation of the team, team uniforms and travel & accommodation arrangements are the responsibility of each Island to fundraise for should they choose to have uniforms (With accommodation being supported by competitors in each Island if needed)
- i) Horses are to be supplied/sourced by the individual team members, should you wish to bring your own horses or should you burrow horses, where the challenge is to be held. If you have more than one horse available, you may put down both options
- j) There will be a Perpetual Trophy to be won between the Islands (Funded by sponsors)
- k) The winners of the competition will be the highest combined scores of each team
- l) There will be a sponsored Buckle for the Highest Scoring Rider of each team
- m) There will be 2 runs by each team member. Your first score will be from a nominated class at the Nationals that you would already be competing in (as not to exhaust your horses) The 2nd score, will be run at the end of the Nationals with a pattern chosen by the Judge, when the entire team members run against each other. The Team with the highest combined scores will be the winners!

- **Horses**

Riders are to organise their own horses for the competition. All travel and accommodation arrangements are the responsibility of the riders & team manager. It is recommended that horses be insured by the owners, and documentation written and signed by owners that they accept all liability of the horse during this time

Horses will need to meet the following requirements:

- **4 years of age & over**
- **Horses to have competed in a minimum of 4 or more shows**
- **No Stallions are to be offered for competitors (Unless selectors are confident that Riders selected are capable of complete management at all times)**
- **Horses must be sound and fit, capable of doing a complete Reining Pattern with established manoeuvres required to Rein**
- **Should your horse become unsound you must notify NZRHA Secretary asap so we may appoint someone else or help find another horse: nzreiningassoc@gmail.com**

Eligibility for New Zealand Riders

Riders seeking selection must satisfy the following requirements & conditions to be eligible for selection:

- a) To have been member of NZRHA for over the last 12 months
- b) Be 18 years in age or over– Independent to get to training & help Fundraise for the teams travel where needed
- c) Have competed within the last 24 months
- d) In the event of insufficient horses traveling Interisland, a representative of the visiting team may arrange suitable horses to compete on
- e) Each Rider will be required to pay for their travel/Ferry Crossings etc (However this maybe/could be reduced depending on Sponsorship & Fundraising done by the Inter-Islander Teams throughout the year)
- f) Each applicant is required to pay a non-refundable deposit of \$30.00 into NZRHA; this deposit goes towards the costs of the Inter-Islander Challenge. Payment is to be made at the time of your application

- **PERFORMANCE CRITERIA**

The committee will consider all eligible riders for selection to the Teams. You can only apply to ride in the team of where you reside i.e. live in North Island; application is for North Island Team. The committee will apply their discretion and select riders whom they consider are capable of meeting the objectives stated below, but not limited to:-

- a. The rider's performances and results in New Zealand in Open & Non Pro, Junior & Senior Classes
- b. The ability of the rider to compete in competition
- c. Their performances and results from NZRHA events within the last 24 months

In addition to the factors above, but not limited to, the committee may also take into account the following factors in considering the riders to be selected to the Team

- d. The demonstrated ability of the rider to achieve clear round results under the demands and pressure of competition
- e. The ability and versatility of the rider to perform as a full member of the Team to compete in the Event showing comradery throughout the last 12 months
- f. The contribution the rider will make to the team environment both prior to, during and on return from the event, including compatibility with other riders in the Team
- g. Demonstrated ability of the rider to ride to and follow instructions
- h. The rider's preparedness and commitment, including demonstrated planning and training, for the Event
- i. The rider's suitability to be a representative of the New Zealand Reining Horse Association

- **Selection decisions and Appeals**

- a. The Committee shall select the riders for the Team
- b. The Committee may, but are not bound to, provide reasons for their selection decisions
- c. Selectors will be NZRHA Committee